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MEMORANDUM

To: ENRP Chairs Burmaster & Pauly
From: ENRP Transportation Subcommittee Chair Samuel Ferraro
Re: February & March, 2001 subcommittee meetings
Date: March 30, 2001

The Erie-Niagara Regional Partnership's Transportation Subcommittee met February 16 and March 22, 2001 at Christino's at the Amherst Marriott; the latter being a joint meeting with the ENRP Economic Development Subcommittee. Present for the February meeting were Subcommittee members Ferraro, Morse, Pauly, and Wendel. Present for the March meeting were Subcommittee members Ferraro, Erck, Morse, and Pauly, as well as members of the Economic Development Subcommittee.

Economic development and transportation was the main topic of discussion. It was decided that the ENRP subcommittees should focus on a connection between the Niagara Falls and Buffalo airports, with the idea being that Niagara Falls could be an alternative destination for airlines that can't find slots to fit their schedule at the Buffalo airport. In particular, we will investigate whether there is a viable rail route between the two. To that end, **the ENRP Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittees would like to recommend that a presentation be done on light rail at the ENRP June general meeting.**

In a related matter, it was mentioned that there might also be partnership possibilities with airports in Hamilton and Toronto. Furthermore, the Cintra deal was discussed as well.

Also discussed were the WNY corridor studies, the Eastern Border Transportation Coalition, the bi-national committee, and the already approved bike trail projects. The GBNRTC will have an update on that project for the next subcommittee meeting.

Members: Mr. Ronald Coan * Hon. John Connolly * Hon. Albert DeBenedetti * Mr. Thomas Dziedzic * Mr. Brian Eldridge * Hon. Bradley Erck * Mr. Samuel Ferraro * Hon. John Greenan * Mr. Clyde Johnston * Ms. Maria Lehman * Hon. Peter McMahon * Hon. Gerald Meal * Mr. Robert Miller * Hon. Sean O'Connor * Hon. Crystal Peoples * Mr. Lawrence Rubin * Mr. David Rutecki * Mr. Kevin Schuler * Mr. John Simon * Hon. Robert Villani * Hon. Barry Weinstein, M.D. * Mr. Peter Wendel * Ad Hoc: Mr. Luke Rich